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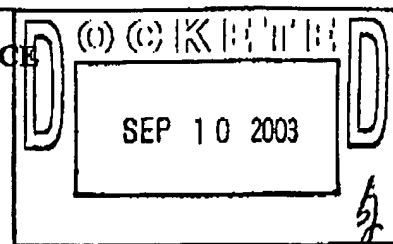
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It is requested that the reference(s) listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

Items 2 and 3 were received by the undersigned from a third party on August 29, 2003. Applicants believe that the cited patent reflects the product shown in Item 2. As can be seen from Fig. 2 of the cited patent, tubular members 201, 202 are fixedly connected with each other along their lengths, and are not split, as claimed in Claims 36 and 37 of the present application.

Enclosed is a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and payment of fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for consideration of the prior art reference(s).

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Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the listed reference(s) are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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